

MSc in

ESG and Sustainability

(Mixed-mode)

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WHY POLYU Providing application-oriented education since 1937 Collaborating with over 280 institutions Offering over 160 taught programmes Working on over 2,750 research projects International QS World University **Times Higher Education** Rankings (THE) Young University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 (Hong Kong) Rankings 2024 Times Higher Education Times Higher Education (THE) World's Most (THE) Asia University International Universities Rankings 2024 2024

WHY POLYU BUSINESS SCHOOL

- A comprehensive portfolio of academic programmes
- Over 170 world-class scholars including specialists in accounting, finance, logistics, management, marketing, and transport
- Research and specialist centres facilitate single and multidisciplinary studies
- International context and culturally diverse environment
- Network of over 55,000 alumni

Accreditations





International Rankings

#01 Clarivate Web of Science ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic 2021-2023: **Shipping Research** Subjects (GRAS) 2023: Management #45 UTD (University of Texas at Times Higher Education Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide (THE) World University **Business School Rankings** Rankings 2024: Business & Economics based on Research Contributions 2019-2023



Welcome to the Faculty of Business of PolyU.

The Faculty of Business, known as PolyU Business School (PBS), is a world-class business school that offers top-quality academic programmes and spearheads cutting-edge research in business and related disciplines. We take pride in our accreditations from AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and EQUIS (EFMD Quality Improvement System).

Dedicated to the pursuit of *Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship (IDEAS)*, PBS collaborates with stakeholders to create a positive societal impact sustainably, with a focus on Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Through our educational programmes, partnerships, and close connections with industry and the professional community, we aim to share knowledge and technology with the wider community.

Our comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are endorsed by professional bodies, encompass key areas such as accounting, aviation, business artificial intelligence, ESG, finance, logistics, management, maritime, marketing, shipping, and transport. Alongside the BBA, MBA, DBA/DMgt, DFinTech, and specialised master's degrees, our research programmes also lead to the MPhil and PhD qualifications.

To maintain currency of our academic programmes and specialist consultancy services, our faculty members conduct pioneering and impactful research within and across their disciplines, supported by our Case Consortium and centres for branding and marketing, digital transformation, economic sustainability and entrepreneurial finance, financial technology, leadership and innovation, maritime data and sustainable development, and shipping and logistics. Our research has been ranked 41st globally in *The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023*.

We invite you to become part of our community of over 170 esteemed scholars from around the world, 4,800 students, and 55,000 alumni

Ir Prof. T.C. Edwin Cheng

IASCYS Academician, FHKEng, ScD, PhD

Dean, Faculty of Business

Fung Yiu King - Wing Hang Bank Professor in Business Administration

Chair Professor of Management



Welcome to the postgraduate programmes offered by the School of Accounting and Finance of the Faculty of Business at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

We are the first university in Hong Kong with an accounting department producing well established business managers and developing a large base of alumni. According to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on research contributions to 24 leading business journals between 2019 and 2023, our Faculty has been ranked 41st in the world.

Our mission is to bring cross-discipline research into the classroom. We combine the best of both worlds of academia and real business. Our curriculum shows you how theories apply in today's business world. Today, technology brings disruption to the business; we offer technology-emphasized courses and workshops to deal with this trend. You will walk away from class well prepared to apply cutting-edge and up-to-date theories and practices in accounting and finance to your business decision-making.

Our Accounting and Finance postgraduate programmes foster professional, intellectual and personal development of business executives in the fields of accounting and finance. We work in close partnership with relevant professional institutes to develop these programmes so as to reflect the state-of-the-art accounting and financial practices. You will develop new perspectives and understanding, and be well prepared for the business challenges of today and tomorrow. Join us and you will be better equipped for continued success and future challenges where it counts most – in the real world.

Prof. Nancy SuHead and Professor

School of Accounting and Finance



Mission statement:

SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS
DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE
FOR A BETTER WORLD

DIRECTOR'SMESSAGE

Welcome to PolyU Master of Science in ESG and Sustainability programme, where we are committed to shaping the next generation of leaders who will drive positive change in our world.

As the world becomes more socially and environmentally conscious, the importance of ESG has grown exponentially. Our programme is therefore designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and tools to navigate this dynamic landscape and make a lasting impact.

Our experienced faculty members bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the programme, and they are committed to helping you achieve your academic and professional goals. Under their guidance, you will learn about the latest developments in ESG, including global standards and regulations, the impact of climate change, the role of corporate governance, and the challenges of social justice. Additionally, you will have access to a robust alumni network.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you and to embrace the challenges and opportunities that the ESG field presents. I am looking forward to seeing your ingenuity, especially in how you will apply your knowledge and skills to make a difference in the world.

Prof. Qiang Wu

Programme Director of MSc in ESG and Sustainability Professor, School of Accounting and Finance



Aim

The programme aims to provide graduates with interdisciplinary knowledge in ESG and sustainability (e.g., economic, accounting, finance, management, and technology) and relevant skills for the related practices.

Characteristics

It emphasizes both core knowledge in ESG and sustainability (e.g., economic, accounting, finance, management, and technology) and hands-on skills to solve ESG related business and/or technological problems faced in real-life situations.



The full-time MSc in ESG and Sustainability programme has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the ESG sector. The ESG Industry Leadership Series lectures kept me up-to-date with the latest ESG trends, helping me apply my theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios and spot market opportunities. The knowledge I gained from this programme was key to securing a full-time offer from a Big Four company in Hong Kong as an ESG consultant. All in all, this programme is a worthwhile choice for anyone looking to supplement their knowledge in the ESG and sustainability sector or seeking more opportunities in these fields.

ZHONG Zhiwei

Structure

To obtain the MSc degree, students are required to complete 9 Compulsory Subjects and 2 Elective Subjects (31 credits).

Students may graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma upon completing 8 Compulsory Subjects (22 credits).

Compulsory Subjects for MSc and PgD (22 credits)

- Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business (1 credit)
- Accounting for Business Analysis
- Business Risk Management
- ESG Disclosure and Rating Analysis
- · Economics of Sustainability
- ESG Investment and Green Finance
- Principles of Corporate Finance
- Sustainable Development and Environmental Planning

Compulsory Subjects for MSc (3 credits)

• Global Climate Change and Society Response

Elective Subjects + (any two) (6 credits)

- Building Carbon Footprint Assessment
- Capstone Project on ESG and Sustainability
- Corporate Governance
- Economics of World Energy Markets
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Management Systems and Audit
- Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability
- Investments
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Risk Management in Operations
- Smart Cities: Technologies and Solutions
- Transformation to Sustainable Smart Cities

⁺ Not all subjects will be offered each year and it is subject to staffing resources and student enrolment.

Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time study load (taking 9 credits or more in a semester) or a part-time study load (taking less than 9 credits in a semester).

Duration

Students should complete the programme full-time in 1 year and part-time in 2 years within the normal duration. Students will be required to attend more classes in the evening if they choose the full-time option and the duration of study will be subject to class quota availability.

Entrance Requirements

A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university

Applicants with relevant working experience are preferred, but it is not a requirement.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is awarded by institutions where the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirement for admission purpose. Please refer to the "Admission Requirements" section of Study@PolyU for details.

Fee

The tuition fee is HK\$342,000* per programme (31 credits).

Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants with outstanding qualifications.

PolyU reserves the right to change or withdraw the scholarship at any time. In case of any dispute/disagreement, PolyU's decision is final.

Enquiries

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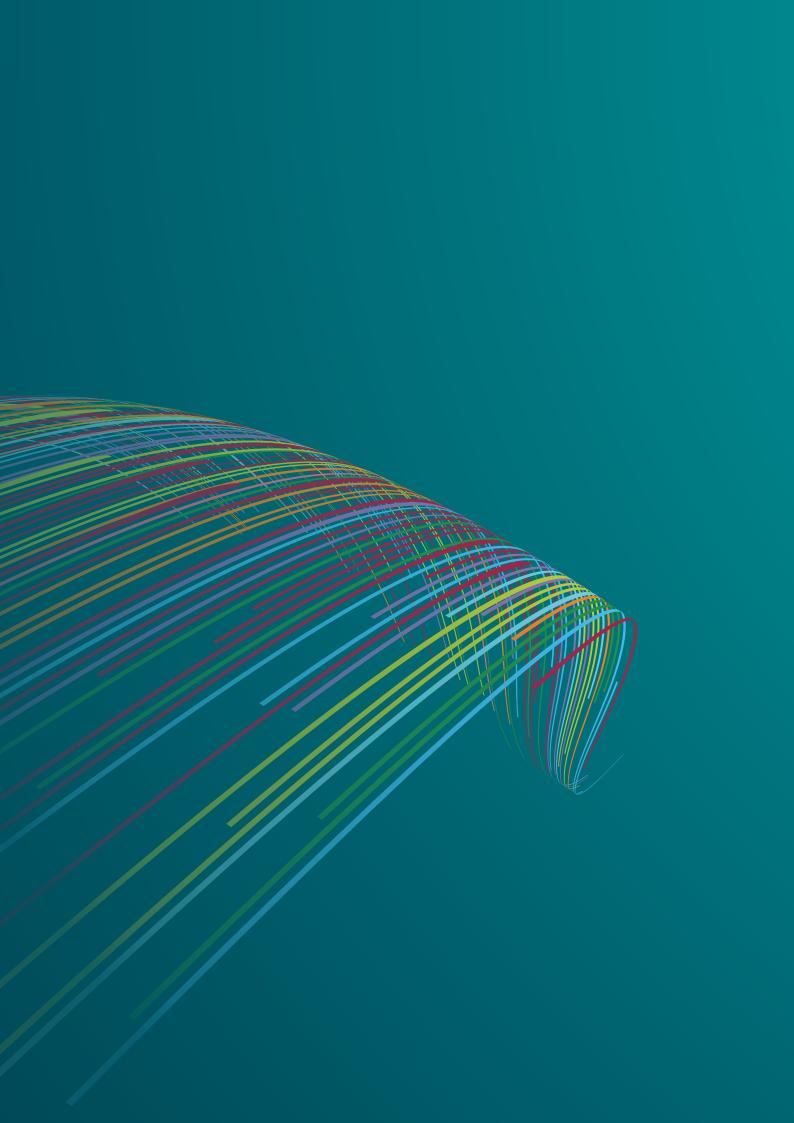
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^{*} No tuition fee required for Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business



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